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Boston May 25th

J. S. Gibbons,

Dear friend

I hasten to answer the questions in your letter to me, as soon [as] possible after having got the necessary information. 1st Not one of the friends here ever heard a syllable to the disadvantage of your office. They tell me that there was a ~~vote~~ admonition passed at one of the business sessions of the Meeting to [illegible] an untrustworthy unfit person but that of his unfitness they knew nothing except from yourself & Abby Kelly in the Meeting. They honestly supposed

I am continually surprised at the amount of help they [illegible] & [illegible] and [illegible] give.

[Along right margin:] [illegible] Your opposition [illegible]

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that the ruling-elder ship was here in Boston, & so well fell to appointing a successor. There can be no practical difficulty I am sure. You may rely on us never to contest a matter of this kind. Whichever of the two bodies proves to be the "real presence" of course with that body will rest the settlement of this & all the other business. ~~Here despatches are not very desirable times, & I dare commend the many innocent "dodge" the less of it the Society asks, delegates to lay them upon us.~~ You ask if there was any concert among us about this arrangement. I reply not one word. It was a surprise to us all, that such a proposition should

come from Pennsylvania, & it was news to us when the friends returned from New-York.

We have expressed our views as a body in the letter you will herewith receive, by us by all. I need only say in addition, Dear friend, that if you think there is the slightest wish among us to assume responsibility — or the slightest desire to set, or the slightest ingratitude, or want of appreciation of the services of yourself & your excellent family to the cause it is a mistake on your part. Such disagreeable things & are incident to human life, & ought not to shake our faith in organizations, unless we have previously rated them more highly than they deserve. ~~Continue to [illegible] us as to be shake you, if you~~

while we live to
look after, like the Cause
of Swan Brooks. The letter
is of course private; but I
send inter alia Slavery
letters that I dare not write
should be published upon the
house tops. For that I wrote
York contains so powerful a truth
that I should grieve by see
it destroyed. Dear We
shall not dispute about
the way of giving
it.

They are no security from
the ardour ills that flesh is Shr
heirs to but they have given
added grace so much in the Cause
that I should be unjust to our
Lord not to
thank Him of them for what they
are without expecting more of them
than it is their nature to afford. The fact

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